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In Re Application of:

Shuang Liu, et al.

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For: STABLE RADIOPHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
FOR PREPARATION THEREOF

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Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: S. Sharareh

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

This is in response to the Official Action dated December 12, 2002, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between twelve groups of claims. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, but elect Group V with traverse in order to comply with 37 CFR § 1.143.

In reviewing the Office action, Applicants note that the Examiner's descriptions for Groups I and V are identical, citing the same class (424) and subclass (1.41). Section 808.02